





### Who we are

Monroe County United Ministries creates lasting solutions to economic, educational and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration and innovation.

Our vision is a community free of poverty and injustice.

# A message from our Director

Erin Predmore has been MCUM's Executive Director since 2015. Erin graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies. She received a Masters of Education in Community Counseling and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Georgia.

Dear Friends & Supporters,

I had a photo from my high school yearbook posted on Facebook the other day by an old friend. Full of promise, the photo captured our excitement during an important transition...high school graduation. We had worked hard, prepared ourselves for a bright future, and were anticipating the next stage. Ready for whatever would come next, we had faith in ourselves and our abilities. And, most importantly, we had laughter.

I feel like 2017 was a lot like that next stage after graduation for all of us at MCUM. For years leading up to the start of 2017, MCUM staff worked hard to create an agency that was responsive and supportive to our community, specifically members living in poverty. We were looking for opportunities to increase our impact, and

when they came to us in 2017, we were ready! After a volunteer program overhaul, we were able to expand our Self-Sufficiency Center, serving 129% more people in 2017 than the year before. We also renamed and expanded our childcare program, and Compass Early Learning Center is now serving up to 180 children every day at two separate sites. Wow!

For us at MCUM, evaluating our impact, looking for ways to improve, and building community connections will always be our approach to our mission. The 12 months of 2017 are a wonderful example of how hard work, community support, innovation, and data-informed decision making can turn anticipation into reality. Thank you for being a part of our "next step."

Here's to an even better 2018!

Erin



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### **Program Outputs: A year of huge growth!**

### 2017

We fed 10,294 people from 2,465 families in 2017. Our pantry provided the equivalent of 84,609 meals.

Through the Compass Early Learning Center -North & - Downtown sites, MCUM cared for 164 children.

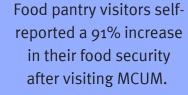
MCUM's Compass Early Learning Center provided 267 parents with an affordable, quality care option. This increased their increased likelihood likelihoods of pursuing higher education and maintaining stable employment.

### 2016

We fed 6,144 people from 1,529 families in 2016. Our pantry provided the equivalent of 55,296 meals.

Our childcare program cared for 130 children.

211 parents received services through our childcare program as well as an to pursue higher education and maintain stable employment.



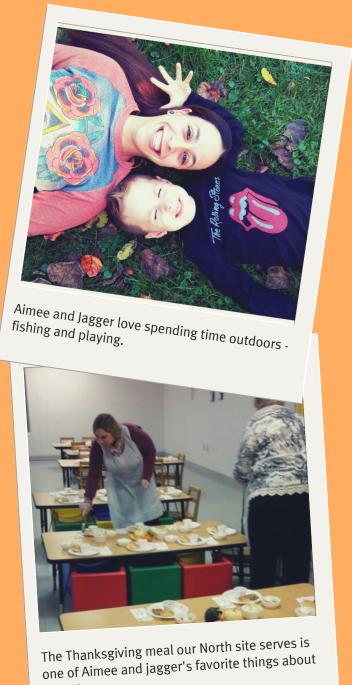




"I chose MCUM for Jagger for a number of reasons. I went to MCUM when I was a child as well. I have very fond memories from my experience there, and I am glad I got such a great start to life. I am so grateful they have a sliding scale for their fees because it makes it affordable for single parents like myself, while at the same time I know that my son is getting quality care and a quality start to his education there. Jagger has made such wonderful friends at MCUM, and I have been able to make connections to other parents and faculty as well. The staff is so helpful, not just when it comes to Jagger, but also for having resources available to the community and families.

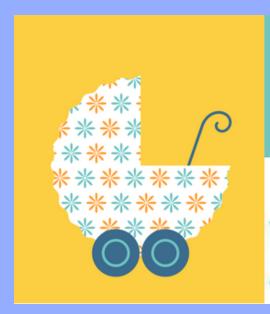
### "I know that my son is getting quality care and a quality start to his education there." - Aimee Richardson

Since Jagger has been enrolled in MCUM's childcare program, he has improved his overall social skills. He has been able to efficiently use his words to communicate with those around him. His number recognition has increased greatly, and it's so great to see his writing skills improve already. While I was working and going to school, I knew that he was in a great place, which made it easier for me to concentrate on my studies and work.



MCUM.

Jagger has had some great experiences at MCUM. We have both made friends because of it. We thoroughly enjoy the lunches they arrange, like the Thanksgiving meal, the programs that they put together and all the parties they have. Thank you MCUM and all the staff."





Perhaps the biggest news of 2017 was MCUM's opening of a second site of its high-quality early childhood education program, Compass Early Learning Center. Located within First United Methodist Church (219 E 4th St), Compass - Downtown offers the same high-quality, affordable care as MCUM's original childcare site, now called Compass - North.

Compass - Downtown features the same sliding-scale fee as Compass - North, which allows low-income, working families to afford exceptional childcare in our community.

Like Compass - North, Compass - Downtown is licensed by the state of Indiana. It also utilizes "Conscious Discipline" - an award-winning curriculum that develops social and emotional intelligence in children at a very early age. This curriculum fosters a safe and loving environment our staff and children alike call our "School Family."

Aside from their respective locations, the only difference between the two Compass locations is the age ranges of the children entrusted to MCUM's care: Compass - North hosts children between 18 months and 6 years old, including kindergarteners, while Compass - Downtown also hosts infants from just 6 weeks old.

In December 2017, MCUM's Board of Directors announced an expedited expansion plan to double the enrollment capacity of Compass-Downtown. The agency completed a successful 3-week long fundraising spree and updated 4 new classrooms (one of each age group) at the end of the month. The completed expansion increased MCUM's capacity from 84 children to 180.

We would like to extend a special thank you to:

The Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County, The City of Bloomington, Early Learning Indiana, and The Raymond Foundation.



The first family checking in on Compass - Downtown's opening







The self-sufficiency standard is how much income a family must earn to meet basic needs, with the amount varying by family composition and where they live (Indiana Insitute for Working Families). What does self-sufficiency look like for a local family of three: 1 adult, 1 school-age child, and 1 preschooler in Monroe County?

		Annual	Monthly
		\$52,441	\$4,370
Self-Sufficiency Wage			
Federal Poverty Level 39%	Amount of basic needs covered in the federal poverty level.	\$20,420	\$1,702
Minimum Wage	Number of hours per week an adult working at minimum wage must work to be self-sufficient.	\$15,080	\$1,257

### **MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center**

The Self-Sufficiency Center help Monroe County residents rebuild and maintain self-sufficiency by offering basic needs assistance, self-sufficiency coaching, and financial support.

MCUM offers a large client-choice food pantry and a hygiene and cleaning closet, in addition to clothing and household item vouchers, rent/mortgage and utility payments, bus tickets, referrals, and more.



As coaches at MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center, let us be the first to tell you that the first step toward self-sufficiency for the clients we see is resolving immediate issues like food insecurity. MCUM's food pantry is one of the largest in the county and provides a 3-day supply of shelf-stable food as well as frozen meat, bread, and fresh, local produce. Offering clients numerous choices – and products they enjoy – is key to ensuring they feel respected and in better control of their diet and lifestyle, regardless of their financial status.

One thing that makes our pantry so great is seeing how the community comes together to make the magic happen! Just about everything is donated (including the \$ we spend at Hoosier Hills Food Bank!) and the shopping room is 100% volunteer-run.

This year, 116 volunteers helped clients select their food, participated in our Each One, Feed One community food drive, and helped us shop at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, allowing us to serve about 700 more families in 2017 than in 2016.

We are so proud of our year-end food pantry statistics:

- 84,609 meals provided
- 10,294 people fed (2,465 families)
- 61,742 pounds of food donated

As coaches, we cannot expect those in poverty to look ahead to tomorrow while today's needs remain unmet. Thanks to all who supported our food pantry in 2017!

Sincerely.

Sandi Clothier & Gene Hoard-Jackson Self-Sufficiency Coaches



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This section recognizes those who made contributions to MCUM in 2017. We simply would not be able to do what we do at MCUM without the generous financial and in-kind support we receive from the many people, businesses, congregations, clubs, volunteers, foundations, and others.

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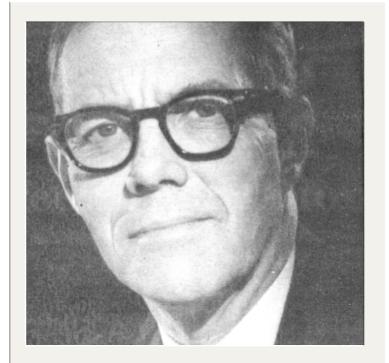
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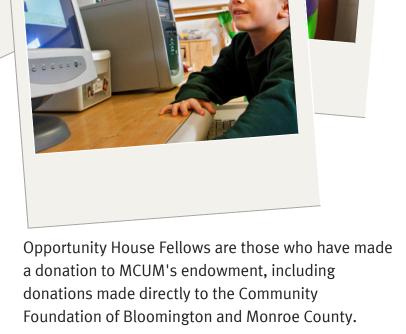
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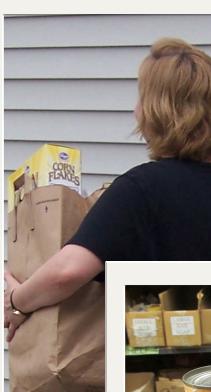
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In 2017, 116 unduplicated volunteers gave their time, energy, and dedication to improving the lives of their neighbors in need! MCUM's volunteer opportunities range from regularly-scheduled shifts in our food pantry, reading to our preschoolers, helping out at special events (like Each One, Feed One), and everything in between!

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# 2017 Audited Financials

#### MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

#### ASSETS

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		2017		2016	
Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Vouchers, fees, and grants receivable Investments Pledges receivable	\$	300,016 20,234 50,582 992,488 -0-	\$	277,680 45,410 53,208 885,997 11,590	
Prepaid expenses Beneficial interest in assets held by others Land, buildings, and equipment, net	_	3,882 243,869 989,560		3,769 222,598 1,047,027	
	\$	2,600,631	\$	2,547,279	
LIABILITIES AND I	NET ASSETS				
Liabilities					
Accounts payable Accrued expenses	\$	28,893 107,039	\$	8,764 65,948	
Total liablilities		135,932		74,712	
Net assets					
Unrestricted Undesignated Board designated Total unrestricted net assets	_	1,394,908 797,244 2,192,152		1,584,186 642,978 2,227,164	
Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted		62,201 210,346		35,057 210,346	
Total net assets		2,464,699	_	2,472,567	
	\$	2,600,631	\$	2,547,279	

# Thanks for a great year!



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